CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A communications network resource usage control system, comprising:

5   one or more servers in the communications network to execute supplementary communications service requests;

a monitoring unit connected to each of said one or more servers to receive and decode supplementary service information for the supplementary communications service being requested; and

10   a control program responsive to said monitor to select which of said one or more servers will execute said communications services.

2. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said supplementary communications services include redirection services.

3. The system as recited in claim 2, wherein said redirection

15   services includes call forwarding.

4. The system as recited in claim 2, wherein said redirection services include call transfer.

5. A communications network resource usage optimization system in an interconnected network system, comprising:

20   one or more servers in the interconnected network system adapted to execute supplementary communications service requests;

a monitoring unit connected to each of said one or more servers to receive and decode supplementary service information for the supplementary communications services being requested; and

a control program responsive to said monitor decoding supplementary service information adapted to select which of said one or more servers will execute said communications services, said control program further enabling said optimization system only under

5   predetermined conditions.

6. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said control program further includes means for disabling said optimization system under predetermined conditions.

7. The system as recited in claim 7, wherein said disabling

10   means is responsive to a recall mechanism for failed service requests.

8. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said optimization system includes means for customizing one or more operating parameters of said optimization system.

9. A method for controlling communications network resource

15   usage in a communications network, comprising:

executing supplementary communications service requests;

receiving and decoding supplementary service information for said supplementary communications service being requested; and

selecting which of said one or more servers will execute said

20   communications services.

10. The method of claim 9, further including the step of enabling said selecting step under predetermined conditions.

11. The method of claim 9, further including the step of disabling said selecting step under predetermined conditions.

12. The method of claim 9, further including the step of customizing one or more operating parameters of the communications controlling method.